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## PLANS COMPLETED FOR NEW YEAR'S EVE DANCE

Plans are well advanced for the third annual New Year's Ball for the benefit of Pequotsepos to be held again this year at the Mystic Art Gallery. The dance has now become established as one of the features of the local holiday festivities and an important and much needed source of revenue for your Sanctuary.

Bob Jones, chairman of the dance committee, reports that thanks to the earnest efforts of the board members

headed by our hard-working president, Mrs. Malcolm MacGregor, contributions received from patrons of the ball have already topped the total receipts of last year's dance. Although invitations will not be mailed until this week demand for tickets has already been active and those wishing to attend are cautioned to send for tickets early as it appears that the dance will be a sell-out. List of Patrons for 1958 New Year's Ball:

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## Silver Tea Well Attended

The Sanctuary's Silver tea was held on November the thirteenth at the home of Mrs. Donald C. Cottrell on North Road in Stonington. Mrs. Kellem made a valiant effort to write down the names but the traffic became too heavy, and we can only guess at the number of people who came. Judging from the tea and cakes consumed We think about a hundred people were there. Trading Post Articles were set up in the library and sun porch. Many lovely dried flower arrangements were made by volunteers. Mrs. Richard Harrington and Mrs. Thomas Storrow helped Mrs. MacGregor with the Trading Post. Mrs. Hartford Gongaware and Mrs. Doris Thorne took orders on Christmas wreaths and trees. Mrs. Cottrell was in charge of the tea. Mrs. Henry Whitney, a former president of the Sanctuary, poured with the assistance of Mrs. Coert DuBois, Mrs. A. M. Cottrell, Jr., and Mrs. Edward Darrell. Mrs. Richard Grover, another former president, was unfortunately unable to pour because of illness in the family. We sorely missed Mr. Wylie, our curator, who was also on the sick list. Many thanks to everyone who helped to make the tea a great success.

## Christmas Bird Count

The annual Christmas Bird Count will be held on Saturday December 27, 1958. The bird count is an attempt to record as many species of birds as possible within a pre-determined area during a continuous twenty-four hour period. Not only are the species recorded, but the individuals are counted as well. Last year, the bird count in this area reached 90 species and well over 9,500 individuals.

The Christmas bird census is taken throughout North America, and indeed, throughout the world. The overall object of these counts is to determine the change in bird population due to natural or man-induced causes. If you can join the census this year and want more information, contact Dr. Richard Goodwin, or Dr. William Niering, Connecticut College for Women, or your curator at the Sanctuary.

This is a "bird day" for local bird enthusiasts, and with a little hard work our census this year should top the 100 species mark.



## PEQUOT TRAILS

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### A Statement of Purpose:

We want this publication to be of the utmost service to you—to keep you informed concerning activities at the Sanctuary and in your community; to invite your participation in these activities; and to provide you with general articles of education and inspiration regarding conservation subjects. Won't you drop us a line and tell us what you would like to see published? We would appreciate it.

### Curator's Comments

I would like to take this opportunity to make a few statements about your Sanctuary during the winter months. The Trailside Museum is closed, from necessity, from the 15th of October till the 15th of May. There is no possible way to heat the Museum, so keeping it open during the winter months is not feasible. Animals of all sorts must be released in sufficient time in the fall to that they can make necessary preparations for the winter. It is only logical that this Trailside Museum, like others, be closed during these months. The Trading Post, the Sanctuary store, is open throughout the entire year.

It has been called to my attention that people have come to the barn after October 15, and have found no one there. I am unable to spend my entire winter in the barn which houses the Trading Post. There are many chores to be done in the winter at the Sanctuary. Some of these jobs will keep me in the barn, some in the house doing paper work, and still others will find me out on the trails or Sanctuary grounds. If you should come to the Trading Post and find it closed, please come to Denison House. If I am not at the House at that time, my wife will be more than glad to take care of you. A phone call in advance of your visit will insure promptness.

As the membership-at-large knows, I am teaching school for the Rhode Island Audubon Society again this year. My teaching requires an average of three days out of every two weeks during the school year. I have accepted this teaching assignment to bring in additional income to the Sanctuary. This income the Sanctuary can use very nicely. Your Board feels, as do I, that this will be the last year that I can spare the time for this teaching. Your Sanctuary is growing, and along with it, your Curator's duties. I will give my undivided time and attention to the Sanctuary and its direct activi-

## TRADING POST

### WILD BIRD MIX

1 lb .....	\$ .14	50 lb .....	\$ 6.00
5 lb .....	.70	100 lb .....	12.00
(50 lbs. or Over .....		12c per lb)	

### SMALL BLACK SUNFLOWER SEED

1 lb .....	\$ .22	50 lb .....	\$10.00
5 lb .....	1.10	100 lb .....	20.00
(50 lbs. or Over .....		20c per lb)	

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ties with the opening of the Trailside Museum in May. Please bear with me for the duration of this school year in my efforts to bring into the Sanctuary at additional large source of income.

### The President Speaks

We have been working hard on our Trading Post stock, so before you complete your Christmas shopping come and have a look. We have a wide assortment of birds, animals, prints, writing paper, games. Also feeders and bird seed. Music boxes, shadow boxes and small Christmas trees made to order. As our curator has explained elsewhere in the Trails he is away teaching on certain days. So if you plan to come during the week best check. Otherwise come weekends and he will surely be there.

### Easy Winter

Cold weather alone rarely has an adverse effect upon birds. Our native birds, even birds thought to be warm weather birds like orioles, mockingbirds, thrashers, etc., are rarely killed or even bothered by severe cold weather, if an abundant food supply is available.

This past summer has produced the most abundant food supply for wildlife that your curator has ever observed. Multi-flora rose, sumac, greenbrier, high-bush cranberry, and even poison ivy have borne very heavily. Winter berry, commonly called black alder, has also borne heavily, as has the highly nutritious and abundant bayberry. Weeds and grasses have produced good crops of seeds, as have bittersweet and the various clovers.

It is impossible to mention all of the plants important to wildlife as a source of food; but your curator has failed to observe any species of plant, tree or shrub, important to wildlife as a source of winter food, which has not produced a good crop of fruit.

The abundant food supply would indicate that our wintering bird population should do well, regardless of severe weather.

### Wildlife Screen Tours

The Wildlife Screen Tour series, sponsored jointly by the Pequot-sepos Wildlife Sanctuary and the Connecticut College Arboretum, have been discontinued for this year. There were several reasons for this action being taken by the two organizations. The Screen Tour program has been caught in a two-way squeeze—increased expenses for lectures, printing, publicity, etc., accompanied by a decrease in attendance at the lectures. Other factors were also involved in the decision to drop the tours, but the above mentioned were the major ones.

There is a good possibility that the two organizations will sponsor one top-notch program in late winter or early spring. It is felt by all concerned that one good program during the season would be better in the long run than trying to conduct an entire series. Expenses would be less, comparatively, on one lecture than on a series, along with other advantages. When this one lecture materializes, members of both organizations as well as past patrons of the Screen Tour series will be notified. The decision and all necessary details will appear in the next issue of the Pequot Trails.

### Sunday Nature Walks

This is a reminder to all members and friends that the Sunday afternoon nature walks are continuing throughout the winter regardless of the weather. The walks have been well attended through November, with twelve to twenty people enjoying the Sanctuary tours, on the good Sundays. The walks start at 2:30 from the old carriage shed and last for about an hour. After the walk, we all get together in the carriage shed, which is heated, for hot coffee, tea, etc. There are many interesting birds at the Sanctuary this year and the group often sees the mockingbird, brown thrasher, catbird, towhee, creeper, wrens, etc. Try to work at least some of these walks into your Sunday schedule and enjoy your Sanctuary and the fellowship these walks afford.



## LIST OF BIRDS SEEN BY SANCTUARY GROUPS, FALL MIGRATION 1958 — COMPILED FROM MEMBERS' NOTEBOOKS

### THE FALL MIGRATION

In spite of the notoriously bad week-end weather this fall, all bird walks were held as scheduled.

The Saturday morning field trips were all taken to points near the shore where water and land migrants could be found in proximity. Perhaps the most outstanding was the trip to Napatree Point, where a notable concentration of shore-birds, including Golden Plovers, Pectoral and Buff-breasted Sandpipers, was found feeding in the masses of kelp along the beach.

Other memories are of the four species of hawks enjoying the wind and the five species of sparrows avoiding it in the grasses at Bluff Point; the massed flights of cormorants at Galilee and the land and sea birds seen from the great lawn at Harkness.

Early Sunday walks were held at the Sanctuary through the fall, where the migration of wood warblers and other land birds was closely followed. One notable late arrival was the Dickcissel, who tarried on the feeder some days in November. Sharing the orchard was an interesting trio of mockers, the Catbird, the Mockingbird and the Brown Thrasher.

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All identifications, unless otherwise indicated, were made at the Sanctuary or on field trips led by the Curator. The list covers the period between late August and mid-November. It contains 175 species, of which 141 were seen on Sanctuary-sponsored trips.

Reports were sent in by the following persons, whose names follow their identifications: Mrs. Barry Dench, Miss Grace Bissell, Mr. Walter J. Moran, Mrs. Robert Anderson, Mrs. F. E. Eastman, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Bates.

For simplification, the Saturday field trips are italicized on the list and the dates omitted. These may be supplied from the following schedule:

Napatree Point—September 6.  
Barn Island—September 13 and 27.  
Galilee, Point Judith—September 20.  
Rocky Neck Park—October 4.  
Bluff Point—October 11.  
Harkness Park—October 18.  
Mystic River—October 25.

### LOONS, GREBES, HERONS

Common Loon—(5) *Galilee*; (1) *Harkness*. Horned Grebe—(4) *Rocky Neck*. Pied-billed Grebe—*Barn Island*, *Rocky Neck*, *Mystic River*. Double-crested Cormorant—(20) *Napatree*; (12) *Barn Island*; (240) *Galilee*; seen on all shore trips. Great Blue Heron—(6) *Barn Island*; (5) *Galilee*; seen on nearly all trips.

Common Egret—(2) (3) *Barn Island*; (4) *Galilee*. Little Blue Heron—(1) Aug. 17, *Mystic River*. Green Heron—Aug. 24, *Sanctuary*; (6) (1) *Barn Island*; (2) *Rocky Neck*. Black-crowned Night Heron—(4) *Barn Island*; (4) *Galilee*. American Bittern—Sept. 7, *Sanctuary*; *Galilee*. Mute Swan—(4) *Barn Island*. Canada Goose—(1) *Harkness*; (2) Oct. 12, *Rocky Neck* (Dench).

### DUCKS

Mallard—*Mystic River*; several shore trips. Black Duck—Small flocks everywhere. Gadwall—*Barn Island*. Pintail—(1) *Mystic River*. Green-winged Teal—(7) (20) *Barn Island*. Blue-winged Teal—(12) *Galilee*; *Bluff Point*. American Widgeon (Baldpate)—(3) *Barn Island*; *Rocky Neck*; *Bluff Point*; (7) *Harkness*.

Wood Duck—(3) Oct. 12, *Rocky Neck* (Dench); Oct. 31, *Canterbury* (Moran). Ring-necked Duck—(50) Nov. 4, *Lake Konomoc* (Bates). Common Goldeneye—Nov. 17, *Mystic River* (Bates). Bufflehead—(12) *Mystic River*. Oldsquaw—(4) *Napatree Point*. White-winged Scoter—(1) Sept. 19, *Harkness* (Dench). Common Scoter—(1) *Harkness*. Ruddy Duck—(1) Sept. 8, *Napatree*. Hooded Merganser—(1) *Harkness*; (6) *Mystic River*. Common Merganser—(1) Nov. 2, *Mystic River* (Moran). Red-breasted Merganser—(1) *Napatree*; Nov. 14, *Mystic River* (Bates).

### VULTURES, HAWKS

Turkey Vulture—Oct. 16 & Nov. 7, No. Stonington (K. Bates); Oct. 21, *Montville* (Moran). Sharp-shinned Hawk—Oct. 26, *Sanctuary*. Cooper's Hawk—(2) *Bluff Point*. Red-shouldered Hawk—(1) Sept. ??, *Sanctuary*; (2) Sept. 10, *Ledyard* (Bates); (3) Oct. 6, *Barn Island* (Bates). Broad-winged Hawk—(1) *Galilee*; Sept., *Sanctuary*. Rough-legged Hawk—Oct. 31, *Canterbury* (Moran). Marsh Hawk—*Galilee*; *Barn Island*; *Bluff Point*; Oct. 13 & Nov. 13, *Montville* (Moran).

Osprey—(2) (1) *Barn Island*; (2) near *Galilee*; *Rocky Neck*; *Bluff Point*. Pigeon Hawk—*Galilee*; *Barn Island*; Oct. 11, *Montville* (Moran). Sparrow Hawk—(2) *Galilee*; *Rocky Neck*; (5) *Bluff Point*; *Harkness*; Oct. 13, *Montville* (Moran).

### QUAILS, PHEASANTS, SHORE-BIRDS

Bobwhite—*Harkness*. Ring-necked Pheasant—(2) *Harkness*. Yellow Rail—(1) Oct. 4, *Galilee* (Bates). American Coot—(7) *Mystic River*. Semipalmated Plover—*Napatree*; *Barn Island*. Piping Plover—Sept. 9, *Napatree*. Killdeer—Oct. 4 & Nov. 1, *Galilee* (Bates); Nov. 13, *Montville* (Moran). American Golden

Plover—(1) Sept. 6, (4) Sept. 11, *Napatree*. Black-bellied Plover—*Napatree*; *Galilee*. Ruddy Turnstone—*Napatree*. American Woodcock—Nov. 13, *Montville* (Moran). Whimbrel (Hudsonian Curlew)—(1) Sept. 29, *Enders Island*. Spotted Sandpiper—*Napatree*. Greater Yellowlegs—*Napatree*; *Barn Island*; *Galilee*; *Harkness*. Lesser Yellowlegs—Oct., *Pachaug* (Moran); (4) Oct. 4, *Galilee* (Bates). Knot—(1) *Napatree*. Pectoral Sandpiper—(1) Sept. 6, (3) Sept. 11, (7) Sept. 19, *Napatree*.

White-rumped Sandpiper—Sept. 19, *Napatree*. Least Sandpiper—*Napatree*. Dunlin (Red-backed Sandpiper)—(4) Oct. 18, *Galilee* (Dench, Bates); (20) Oct. 20, (25) Nov. 8, *Galilee* (Bates). Dowitcher—(5) *Napatree*; (2) Sept. 20, *Galilee* (Bates). Stilt Sandpiper—(1) Oct. 18, *Galilee* (Dench, Bates). Semipalmated Sandpiper—*Napatree*. Western Sandpiper—(2) Sept. 11, (1) Sept. 19, *Napatree*. Buff-breasted Sandpiper—(1) Sept. 6; (2) Sept. 9 & 11, *Napatree*. Sanderling—Sept. 6, 11, *Napatree*.

### GULLS, TERNS

Great Black-backed Gull—All shore trips; (70) Sept. 19, *Napatree*. Herring Gull—Numerous everywhere. Ring-billed Gull—(1) Sept. 6; (3) Sept. 9 & 19, *Napatree*. Black-headed Gull—Sept. 5, *Harkness* (Dench). Laughing Gull—Sept. 19, *Napatree*. Common Tern—(100) Sept. 6; Sept. 9 & 19, *Napatree*. Roseate Tern—Sept. 6, *Napatree* (Dench, Bissell). Least Tern—(1) *Napatree*; (3) Sept. 1, *Barn Island* (Bates).

### DOVES, OWLS, WOODPECKERS

Mourning Dove—(10) Sept. 7, *Sanctuary*; *Barn Island*; (5) *Galilee*; (4) *Rocky Neck*; (1) Nov. 12, *Montville* (Moran). Yellow-billed Cuckoo—Aug. 31, *Sanctuary*; Sept., *Montville* (Moran). Black-billed Cuckoo—Sept. 7, *Sanctuary*; Sept., *Montville* (Moran). Great Horned Owl—Sept. 1, *Barn Island* (Bates). Barred Owl—Nov., *Noank* (Anderson). Common Nighthawk—(12) Sept. 2, *Harkness* (Dench, Bissell). Chimney Swift—Sept. 13, *Barn Island*. Ruby-throated Hummingbird—Sept. 7, *Sanctuary*; Sept. 13, *Barn Island*. One flying over *Fisher's Island Sound* in mid-Sept. (Moran). Belted Kingfisher—Reported everywhere.

Flicker—*Barn Island*; *Galilee*; *Harkness*. Yellow-bellied Sapsucker—Oct., *Noank* (Anderson); Oct. 4, *Mystic* (Bates). Hairy Woodpecker—*Rocky Neck*. Downy Woodpecker—Oct. 12, Nov. 9, *Sanctuary*.

### FLYCATCHERS, SWALLOWS, THRUSHES

Eastern Kingbird—Aug. 24, *Sanctuary*; Oct. 18, *Harkness* (Moran). Great Crested Flycatcher—Sept. 7 & 28, *Sanctuary*. Eastern Phoebe—*Harkness*; Oct., *Montville* (Moran). Yellow-bellied Flycatcher—Sept. 13, *Sanctuary*; Oct. 6, *Ledyard* (Eastman). Traill's Flycatcher (Alder)—Sept. 7, *Sanctuary*; *Galilee*. Least Flycatcher—*Harkness*. Eastern Wood Pewee—Aug. 31, *Sanctuary*; Oct., *Montville* (Moran). Olive-sided Flycatcher—Sept. 7,

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Sanctuary. Horned Lark—(2) *Napatree*; Oct. 31, Canterbury & Nov. 12 Montville (Moran). Tree Swallow—(1000) *Napatree*; Sept. 7, Sanctuary; *Barn Island*; *Bluff Point*; *Harkness*. Bank Swallow—*Napatree*. Barn Swallow—*Napatree*; *Barn Island*; *Bluff Point*. Purple Martin—*Napatree*; *Barn Island*.

Blue Jay—Abundant. Common Crow—Reported everywhere. Black-capped Chickadee—Abundant. Tufted Titmouse—(1) since Sept. 17, Ledyard (Eastman). White-breasted Nuthatch—Sept., Oct., Nov., Sanctuary. Red-breasted Nuthatch—Sept. 24, Mitchell Woods (Dench, Bissell). Brown Creeper—Sept. 29, Sanctuary; *Rocky Neck*; Nov. 5, Montville (Moran). House Wren—Sept. 29, Sanctuary. Winter Wren—Sept. 29, Sanctuary; *Harkness*; Nov. 13, Ledyard (Eastman). Carolina Wren—Sept. 7 & 28; Nov. 9, Sanctuary; Nov. 17, Noank (Anderson). Long-billed Marsh Wren—Sept., Sanctuary (Moran); Nov. 14, Barn Island (K. Bates). Mockingbird—Oct. 12, Nov. 9, Sanctuary. Catbird—*Barn Island*; *Harkness*; Nov. 9, Sanctuary; Nov. 17, Noank (Anderson). Brown Thrasher—Sept., Oct., Nov., Sanctuary; (2) *Barn Island*; *Harkness*; Oct. 28, Ledyard (Eastman).

Robin—*Harkness*; Oct. 12, Sanctuary; Nov. 17, Noank (Anderson). Wood Thrush—Sept. 28, Sanctuary. Hermit Thrush—Oct. 27, Rocky Neck (Dench). Swainson's (Olive-backed) Thrush—Sept. 28, Sanctuary; Nov., Noank (Anderson). Eastern Bluebird—Sept. 7, Sanctuary; *Harkness*; *Mystic River*; (8) Nov. 13, Ledyard (Eastman); Nov. 13, Montville (Moran). Golden-crowned Kinglet—*Rocky Neck*; Oct. 12, Nov. 9, Sanctuary; *Harkness*. Ruby-crowned Kinglet—Oct. 12 & Nov. 9, Sanctuary; *Harkness*; Nov., Noank (Anderson). Water Pipit—(1) Sept. 22, *Harkness* (Dench); (35) Nov. 4, *Harkness* (Dench, Bissell); (20) Nov. 8, Ledyard (Eastman). Cedar Waxwing—*Barn Island*; *Galilee*; (50 to 75) Nov. 1, Montville (Moran); Nov. 15, Noank (Anderson). Starling—Numerous flocks everywhere.

## VIREOS, WARBLERS

White-eyed Vireo—*Napatree*; (6) *Barn Island*. Yellow-throated Vireo—Sept. 13, Ledyard (Bates). Solitary (Blue-headed) Vireo—Oct. 15, Ledyard (Eastman). Red-eyed Vireo—Sept. 7, Sanctuary; (2) *Rocky Neck*; Nov. 1 to 9, Ledyard (Eastman). Black-and-White Warbler—Sept. 7, Sanctuary. Blue-winged Warbler—Aug. 17, Sanctuary. Parula Warbler—Oct. 19, Sanctuary (Moran). Yellow Warbler—Oct. 19, Sanctuary (Moran). Magnolia Warbler—Oct. 4, Ledyard (Bates). Black-throated Blue Warbler—Oct. 1, Sanctuary. Myrtle Warbler—*Harkness*; Oct. 26, Sanctuary. Black-throated Green Warbler—Sept. 10 & 13, Ledyard (Bates). Chestnut-sided Warbler—Sept. 7, Sanctuary. Blackpoll Warbler—*Rocky Neck*; Oct. 19, Sanctuary. Prairie Warbler—Sept. 13, Barn Island. Palm Warbler—(2) *Galilee*; (1) Nov. 12, Ledyard (Eastman).

Northern Waterthrush—Sept. 7, Sanctuary; Sept., Montville (Moran). Louisiana Waterthrush—Sept., Montville (Moran). Yellowthroat—*Galilee*; *Barn Island*; Sept. 28, Sanctuary. Yellow-breasted Chat—Sept. 13, Barn Island. Hooded Warbler—Sept. 7, Sanctuary. Canada Warbler—Sept. 7, Sanctuary. American Redstart—Sept. 7, Sanctuary.

## BLACKBIRDS, FINCHES

House Sparrow—Oct. 4, New London. Bobolink—(8) *Napatree*; Sept. 7, Sanctuary. Eastern Meadowlark—*Bluff Point*; *Harkness*; Nov. 9, Ledyard (Eastman). Red-winged Blackbird—*Harkness*; Nov. 9, Sanctuary (Moran). Baltimore Oriole—(2) Sept. 7 & 28, Sanctuary; Nov. 14, Ledyard (Eastman). Rusty Blackbird—(200) Nov. 3, Ledyard (Bates). Common Grackle—*Barn Island*; large mixed flock, Nov. 13, Montville (Moran). Brown-headed Cowbird—(2) Sept. 7, Sanctuary; *Harkness*; large mixed flock, Nov. 13, Montville (Moran); Nov. 17, Noank (Anderson).

Scarlet Tanager—*Rocky Neck*; Oct. 12, Sanctuary; Oct. 30, Ledyard (Eastman). Cardinal—(2) Oct. 10, Mitchell Woods (Dench); (2) Nov. 10, Mystic (Bates); Nov. 17, Noank (Anderson). Dickcissel—Nov. 9, Sanctu-

ary; Nov. 17, Noank (Anderson). Purple Finch—(3) Nov. 6, North Stonington (K. Bates); (1) Nov. 13, Ledyard (Eastman); Nov. 17, Noank (Anderson). American Goldfinch—Sept. 7 & Nov. 9, Sanctuary; *Harkness*; Nov. 14, Montville (Moran). Red Crossbill—Aug. 24, Sanctuary. Rufous-sided Towhee—*Barn Island*, *Rocky Neck*, Sanctuary; Nov. 9 & 13, Ledyard (Eastman); Nov. 17, Noank (Anderson).

## SPARROWS

Savannah Sparrow—*Galilee*; *Bluff Point*; *Harkness*. Sharp-tailed Sparrow—*Barn Island*; *Harkness*. Seaside Sparrow—*Barn Island*; *Harkness*. Slate-colored Junco—Sept., Oct., Nov., Sanctuary; *Harkness*. Tree Sparrow—Nov. 2, Ledyard (Eastman); Nov. 9, Sanctuary; Nov. 13, Montville (Moran). Chipping Sparrow—*Harkness*; (30) Oct., Montville (Moran); Nov. 14, Montville (Moran). Field Sparrow—(2) *Bluff Point*. White-crowned Sparrow—*Bluff Point*; Oct. 14 to 17, Ledyard (Eastman). White-throated Sparrow—Sept. 26, Ledyard (Eastman); *Harkness*; Sept. 28 & Nov. 9, Sanctuary. Fox Sparrow—Nov. 2, Ledyard (Eastman); Nov. 2, Mitchell Woods (Dench, Bissell); Nov. 9, Sanctuary; Nov., Noank (Anderson). Swamp Sparrow—*Bluff Point*; *Harkness*; Oct. 12 & 26, Nov. 9, Sanctuary. Song Sparrow—Sanctuary and most field trips. Snow Bunting—(2) Nov. 8, *Galilee* (Bates).

The English sparrow, sometimes called house sparrow, is not a true sparrow, but rather belongs to the family of Weaver Finches indigenous to Africa.

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A third story is being added to the Sanctuary martin house. This will increase from 16 to 24 the number of rooms available to the birds.

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The chimney swift, a local nesting bird which winters in Peru, was observed as late as September 19th at *Napatree Point*.

Pequot-sepos Wildlife Sanctuary, Inc.  
Mystic, Connecticut

Season's  
Greetings



Miss Hazel A. Johnson  
Connecticut College Library  
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